

Appl. No. 09/134,272

Declaration dated September 15, 2003

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION TO OVERCOME
CITED PATENT OR PUBLICATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.131)*****Purpose of Declaration***

This declaration is to establish completion of the invention of this application in the United States at a date prior to July 31, 1998, that is the effective date of U.S. Patent No. 6,223,154 (Nicholls) cited in the Office Action.

The subject matter claimed in the above-identified patent application has been assigned to Nortel Networks Limited. The chain of title is identified by the following series of reel/frame numbers: 9398/0581; 010504/0903; and 011195/0706. The person making this declaration is a party in interest, the assignee, which is permitted in accordance with MPEP § 715.04. The inventor is no longer employed by the assignee in interest and, despite diligent efforts by the undersigned attorney including Internet searches and telephone calls, the inventor has not been located, and thus, is not available to make this declaration in a timely manner.

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Facts and Documentary Evidence

This declaration is to establish conception of the invention in the above-identified application in the United States, at a date prior to the July 31, 1998, which is the effective filing date of Nicholls. The subject application was filed merely fifteen days after effective filing date of Nicholls.

Prior to July 31, 1998, the legal department of Nortel Networks Limited received a completed Invention Disclosure Submission, which described the invention as claimed. A redacted copy of the Invention Disclosure Submission is enclosed herewith as Exhibit A. After receipt and review of the Invention Disclosure Submission, the legal department of Nortel Networks Limited decided to proceed and requested Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman LLP to prepare and file a patent application. The patent application was filed on August 14, 1998.

Time of Presentation of the Declaration

This declaration is submitted with a response filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and is for the purpose of overcoming the final rejection.

Declaration

As a person signing below:

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that the statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Signature: 

Date: March 24, 2004

Authorized to sign on behalf of assignee as Corporate Counsel

A CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) is attached.

An Invention Disclosure Submission, 4 pages, is attached.

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

March 24, 2004

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